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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action requiring restriction dated March 31, 2009, the following remarks are respectfully submitted for entry and consideration. The Action set a 1 month shortened statutory period for response, making this paper due April 30, 2009. This paper is timely filed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

The Examiner has asked Applicants to elect a single invention from the following:

Group I - Claims 1-9 and 14-18, drawn to compounds of formula I or II; and

Group II - Claims 10-13 drawn to an electroluminescent device using a compound of formula I or II.

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Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group II, Claims 10-13 drawn to an electroluminescent device using a compound of formula I or II.

The Action also asks that Applicants elect a single species for search purposes. Applicants hereby elect the compound B-9 of example 6, pages 58-59 of the instant Specification,

that is,

a compound of formula I according to claim 1

wherein Y³ is C₆-C₃₀aryl which is substituted, more specifically Y³ is a group of formula

(see claim 4), and

$$A^{22}$$
 A^{23}
 A^{24}
 A^{23}
 A^{24}

wherein A^{23} is C_2 - C_{20} heteroaryl.

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More specifically, the elected compound is a compound according to formula IIIa, see Claim 8,

The elected compound is encompassed by the devices of claims 10, 11, 12 and 13.

Consideration of the elected claims on their merits is respectfully awaited.

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